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SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED 1. ALL LEADING VIENNA DAILIES
CARRIED ESSENCE OF STORY FILED LATE EVENING SEPT. 23
BY VIENNA UPI CORRESPONDENT REPORTING HIS INTERVIEW
WITH DR. KHENE FOLLOWING SPEECHES SAME DAY OF THE
PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. DR. KHENE SAID
APPEALS OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY FOR REDUCTION OF
OIL PRICES WILL NOT BE HEEDDED. HE DEFENDED
CRUDE PRICE INCREASES ON GROUNDS OF NEED PRESERVE
PURCHASING POWER OF "BLACK GOLD", SAID INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC SITUATION NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO OIL PRICES AND
THAT IT IS NOT AIM HIS ORGANIZATION TO DAMPEN WORLD
ECONOMY. ON CONTRARY, IT IS OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES
WHICH ARE AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC SITUATION AND LIVING
STANDARD OF PRODUCING COUNTRIES IS STILL FAR BELOW
THAT PREVAILING IN WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.
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NEVERTHELESS, OPEC PREPARED TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS

WITH CONSUMER COUNTRIES AND THE U.S., QUOTE AND NOT
ON OIL ALONE UNQUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE UPI CORRESPONDENT
CONFIRMED ACCURACY IN SUBSTANCE OF FURTHER STATEMENT
BY DR. KHENE, WHICH WAS CARRIED HERE ONLY BY COMMUNIST
"VOLKSSTIMME" THAT QUOTE IF THE AMERICANS THINK THEY
CAN IMPOSE PRESSURE ON US IN ORDER TO GET THINGS GOING
AGAIN AS THEY WERE GOING IN THE PAST, THEY ARE DECEIV-
ING THEMSELVES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD AS WELL
UNQUOTE. HUMES

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